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Letter dated 4 June 2015 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to submit to you a communiqué of the Emergency Summit of Heads of State of the East African Community on the situation in Burundi, held in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, on 31 May 2015 (see annex).

I kindly request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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of the Permanent Mission of Burundi to the United Nations
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

**Emergency Summit of the Heads of State of the East African
Community on the situation in Burundi**

Communiqué

1. The East African Community Heads of State, President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete of the United Republic of Tanzania, President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni of Uganda, President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya, Alain Nyamitwe, Minister of External and International Cooperation, representing Burundi, and Valentine Rugwabiza, Minister for the East African Community, representing Rwanda, held an emergency meeting of the Summit of the East African Community Heads of State on the situation in Burundi on 31 May 2015 at the State House Conference Hall in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania.
2. The Summit was also attended by Jacob Zuma, the President of South Africa, Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Said Djinnit, the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region, ministers and attorneys general of the East African Community partner States, the Secretary-General of the East African Community, the Executive Secretary of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region and representatives of cooperating partners.
3. The Heads of State and Government met in a warm and cordial atmosphere.
4. The Summit received the report of the ministers/cabinet secretaries of the East African Community partner States on the situation in Burundi.
5. The Summit received and considered the report of the attorneys general/ministers of justice and constitutional affairs.
6. The Summit received a report from the Special Envoy. The Summit commended the efforts of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region, with the support of the East African Community, the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region and the African Union, to promote dialogue and urged him to continue with the initiative.
7. The Summit expressed sympathy with the people of Burundi following the violence in Bujumbura and other parts of Burundi, which resulted in the death of many people, an influx of refugees to neighbouring countries, the destruction of property and the paralysis of business in some parts of Burundi.
8. The Summit welcomed the return to constitutional order in Burundi after the attempted coup d'état of 13 May 2015.
9. The Summit was concerned about the continued political impasse in Burundi and called for the postponement of elections for a period of not less than one and a half months. The Summit appealed to institutions in Burundi, including the Parliament, to facilitate that postponement.
10. During the postponement, members of the Summit, led by its Chairperson, would consult with all stakeholders in Burundi on the way forward.

11. The Summit called upon all parties to stop the violence and to exercise restraint during that period.
12. The Summit called for the urgent disarmament of all armed youth groups allied to political parties.
13. The Summit encouraged the Government of Burundi to create conditions conducive to the return of refugees to Burundi.
14. The Summit directed the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the East African Community partner States and of South Africa to urgently communicate these and other decisions to the Government of Burundi.
15. The Summit further directed the Ministers to engage all stakeholders in Burundi and to continuously report progress to the Summit.
16. The Summit expressed its solidarity with the people of Burundi and decided to actively accompany them in the exercise of their democratic rights.
17. The Summit called upon the African Union, the United Nations and all other partners to cooperate with the East African Community towards the attainment of these objectives.
18. The Presidents of Uganda, Kenya and South Africa thanked their host, the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, for the warm and cordial hospitality extended to them and their respective delegations during their stay in the United Republic of Tanzania.